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ABSTRACT:

A TV/PC convergence device, operable in a television mode, a computer mode and a combination television/computer mode, includes a display, a computer and a tracking device. The display receives and displays images in all three modes. The computer executes programs and is operable in the computer mode and the combination television/computer mode. The tracking device, which is coupled to the display and computer, tracks, records, and reports select uses of the display and the computer during each of the television mode, the computer mode and the combination television/computer mode.

5 Claims, 2 Drawing Figures

user's past history of network usage. An archive is maintained of remote sites accessed and instances in which the same remote sites are accessed in sequence. Statistics regarding information such as the number of times a site has been accessed, and the times a given set of sites have been accessed in sequence, are maintained. This information may be displayed upon command. Based on this information, information items are identified which the user is predicted to be likely to want to access. This information is pre-downloaded, without express user command, so that if the user does enter a command, the response time is advantageously fast.

22 Claims, 11 Drawing Figures

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ABSTRACT:

A system and method are provided for use with an communication and information network, such at the Internet World Wide Web, for assisting a user in accessing information stored at remote network sites based on the

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